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COUNTY STUDIES CUTS IN BCC FUNDING

by: Robert Fortner
News Editor

Broome County will cut funding to BCC by 25 percent if a proposal, being looked at by the county legeslature is approved. The cuts are part of a crisis managemnet plan that the County Legeslature is proposing to close shortfalls in the 1994 budget, and could start a battle between the county and the college.

County Executive Tim Grippen said the county legislature is looking at 25 percent cuts across the board, which would include BCC's funding. Grippen said that in real figures this would amount to a $1.2 million decrease in the county's sponsorship of the college.

Charlie Quagliata, VP for academic affairs, said that County Comptroller, Jay Dinga has done a report to see what the budget would look like with a 25 percent cut across the board.

Tim Grippen County Executive

Quagliata said that even if the cuts were to be approved they would not affect the colleges 94-95 budget, because the budget for the county begins in January, while the budget for BCC begins in September.

For three years the county has held its share of the college's funding at a steady $4,628,640, according to Dinga. He said the county is looking at cuts in funding to more than a few county sponsored agencies such as the Historical Society and the Chamber of Commerce, as well as BCC. Dinga said that last year Grippen had proposed an increase in the county's sponsorship of $200,000, but that had not gone though the legislature.

Dinga said such a cut in the college's funding would be a good way to force BCC to take some responsibility for its fiscal accountability. He said the user would pick up more of the burden in such a case.

A 25 percent cut by the county would mean a tuition increase of over $200 for the "user."

Dinga said he wishes he had authored the bill, but could not take credit for it as it was authored by a number of legislators.

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VISION MOVES LRC INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

by: Kathy Thurston
Editor-in-chief

Wanda Johnston answered the ad for a director of BCC's Learning Resources Center based on one sentence; "The candidate should have a vision of how a learning resources center can best serve the informational and instructional needs of students in the 21st century."

Johnston feels that the purpose of the LRC is "...to support the informational and instructional needs of ...students, faculty and the broader college community."

Her vision included an adequate collection of print materials, audiovisual and electronic resources, and better service. Her challenge was to provide these things with a limited staff, space and budget.

Nevertheless, the LRC is inexorably moving into the modern age. The bar-coding that took place at the beginning of the year was just the start of an undertaking to completely computerize the facility. The effort, which was shared by 96 people, including retired staff, current staff, faculty, and students, prepared the library to share in the SUNY Library Automation Project (LAIP).

When implemented, this program will allow students access to over 15,700,000 volumes and 163,000 periodical subscriptions. Students will eventually have a bar-coded library card and all transactions will be done by computer. It will also do away with the paper card catalog and all searching will be done electronically. The library hopes to begin the conversion process in January.

The Reference Library already has six CD-ROM stations which allow students quick information retrieval. A program called *Internet* was implemented this year. This is a public access system that allows log-in to computers around the world and provides special data bases which include information from 250 library catalogs, Weather Underground with ski conditions, State Department with national statistics and Spacelink for NASA information.

Some of Johnston's other efforts included moving the video televisions to the main floor so that help in using the equipment could be readily available. Oversize books were integrated into the regular circulation collection, magazines were reorganized to allow for self-service, and the more popular periodicals are now available on microfiche.

Services include semester-long instructional sessions, and study and reading rooms.

The LRC also makes use of an advisory committee which includes representation by one student. The current student advisor is Suzette Russo.

In the future Johnston envisions more space, an enhanced collection and a bigger staff, but she declines to take credit for the recent evolution of the LRC. "It's been a composite of everybody's ideas," she insisted. Johnston is still looking for ideas that can reasonably be used by the LRC and the circulation desk includes a place for anyone to make suggestions on how the collection could be improved.

Asked to speak at a luncheon for BCC retires Johnston concluded her address by saying, "These are exciting times in the LRC. As the world of technology and information changes, so changes the role of the LRC."

ARCHIVES

NEWS

Suicide: A Community Affair

The suicide of Melissa Smeraglio, a Binghamton High School student who died on the morning of October 12 after shooting herself in the chest, has impacted students, educators, and parents throughout the triple cities.

Shortly after the tragic event occured and 15 year old Melissa was being rushed to the traumatic care unit at Wilson Memorial Hospital, school officials activated a crisis team to field phone calls from troubled parents and to console distraught students and faculty members.

However, the aftermath of suicide is not isolated to those closest to the victim. Adolescent suicide is an issue which tears at the very heart of a community.

Since 1950, the teen suicide rate has quadrupled. Suicide attempts by children as young as 5 years old have increased across the nation at an unprecedented rate as well.

Suicide remains the second leading cause of death among young people ages 15-19. Local statistics indicate an even higher than average rate of adolescent suicide in the Binghamton area as compared to other upstate New York communities.

The factors leading to such an extreme act of desperation are varied. Kay Marshall Strom, in her handbook Helping Women in Crisis, describes suicide as the culmination of "a complex interaction of personal, social, and psychological factors. This assessment sheds some light on the multifaceted nature of suicide.

In general, suicide represents unresolved psychic conflict and an overwhelming desire to escape what is perceived as unbearable and neverending pain.

Suicidal crisis may be precipitated by a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, an incurable illness, unrealistic expectations, unresolved sexual guilt, a non-specific anxiety related to certain life changes, or ongoing physical, emotional, or sexual abuse.

On the other hand, suicide may be the result of a drug or alcohol induced depression which is compounded by poor impulse control. Statistically 50% of all suicides are drug or alcohol related.

Easy access to firearms can be a lethal ingredient when mixed with drugs and/or alcohol. The "Lethal Weapon" mentality indicative of the video generation of the 90's has added a somewhat surrealistic dimension to the finality of death as well.

The impulsiveness inherent to youth may also aggravate certain preexisting problems in the individual Some researchers believe that the romanticization of suicide through extended media coverage may serve as an invitation to a troubled teen to imitate a peer who has chosen to take his own life.

In the wake of recent suicides in the southern tier, the question "why" seems to resound within the collective heart and soul of the community. The breakdown of the traditional family and rapidly changing values in modern society are often pinpointed by mental health professionals in response to this question.

A sense of hopelessness permeates the culture of youth in the 90's. With no vision for the future, teenagers are left floundering in a sea of despair, unable to ride out the storms which earmark this troubled time of life.

How can the community resolve the crisis of adolescent suicide? What can be done to respond to this often deadly cry for help? Community leaders, educators, and other concerned citizens must band together, remembering the global admonition . . . "it takes a whole village to raise a single child."

Emergency Resources

Counseling & Student Development Center at BCC
778-5210

24 Hour Crisis Hotline - Binghamton
762-2387

Gateway - Johnson City
729-2273

First Call for Help - Vestal
729-9100

Tioga County Mental Health - Owego
687- 4000

Suicide Warning Signs

-Apathy
-Pronounced personality changes
-Fascination with death and dying
-Dramatic changes in eating habits
-Suicide threats
-Previous suicide attempts
-Extreme sleep patterns
-Low self esteem
-Anxiety
-Severe depression
Giving away prized possesions

RETURN THOSE OVERDUE LIBRARY MATERIALS OR FACE PENALTIES

by : Kathy Thurston
Editor-in chief

The Learning Resource Center is finally getting tough with people who forget about the books in the trunk of their car, magazines buried on their desks or music they can't seem to part with.

Over due fines are not collected in the college library as they are in most public libraries. This may be one reason why students don't seem to worry about returning things. However, Wanda Johnston, Director of the LRC said that she has checked with other libraries and fines don't seem to do much to prevent loss.

Therefore, beginning mid-September the Library enacted a new policy for return of materials. Currently students may sign out books, CD's, records and audiocassettes for four weeks and some other items for one week. Most items can be signed out again if more time is needed, however, they must be brought back to the circulation desk to do so.

Under the new procedure, students with overdue items will receive a notice stating, "These materials must be returned in good condition or payment of full value must be made within 10 days to avoid further collection proceedings." A hold is placed on all future borrowing privileges, registration and transcripts until the outstanding items, or their value, are recovered.

After the 10 day grace period the names of the persons still holding materials will be given to Broome County Security for collection. Once this happens, the student will then be responsible for a $20 fee to security, in addition to returning the items or paying for their full value.

Presently the library is seeking to recover a loss of $7,518 as a result of 58 people who have been holding items totaling $75 or more. If all delinquent items were counted, the total would be much higher.

The LRC staff is hoping the new procedure will "...end the indefinite exodus of library materials and provide better service."

(The above information was obtained from a news item submitted by the LRC and from interviews of personnel.)

NEWS

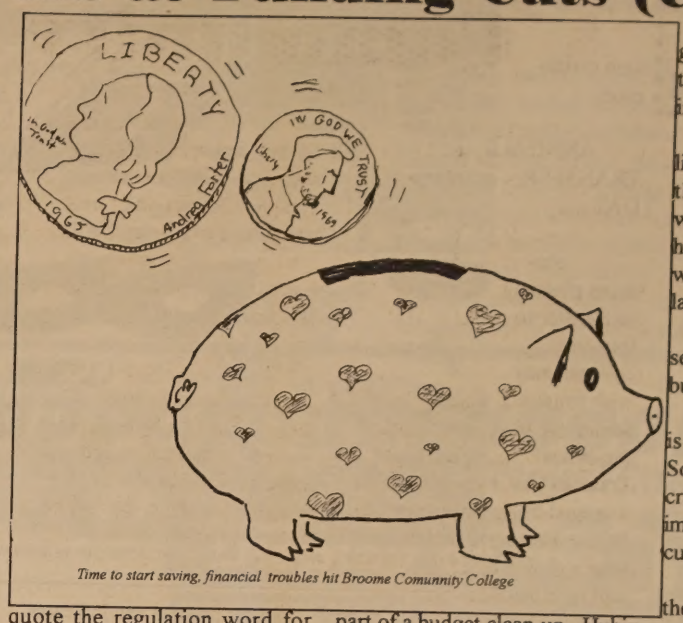
County Looks at Funding Cuts (Continued)

(Cont. From Page 1)

"There are some on the county legislature who believe the county has already cut its share to the college to the minimum, but others believe the users should pay for the school. It's like the county landfill. The people who use it have to pay tipping fees," Dinga said.

Quagliata said the county cannot legally cut their share of the funding. Quagliata said the county may be looking at the cut, but would not be able to put it into legislation because of a state regulation entitled "Maintenance of Effort."

Jim Hubin, of Senator Thomas Libous's office in Albany, said such a regulation does exist, While Hubin said he could not quote the regulation word for word he knew it was passed as part of a budget clean-up. Hubin said the regulation contained language for the Board of Regents to establish regulations concerning community college funding.



Time to start saving, financial troubles hit Broome Comunnity College

While Dinga said he would like to see the financial support to the college cut, he believes it won't happen. He said the cuts have not become initiative and were merely something the legislature is studying.

Quagliata said he doesn't see how the county can cut the budget.

"Even though this college is not a mandated program, like Social Services, it is considered a critical program. They know how important it is. I don't think they'll cut us," Quagliata said.

About the proposal to cut the county's share of BCC's funding Grippen said, "Things are tough all over."

Suicide Prevention

By Ann Marie Posey
Staff Writer

Dr. Gary Smith, director of the Broome Community College Counseling and Student Development Center urges parents, friends, and helping professionals to take any declaration of intent to committ suicide seriously.

"Always assume that a suicide threat is valid, listen to the individual, express care and concern, offer positive feedback, and urge them to see a counselor," says Dr. Smith.

Perhaps the greatest tragedy that occurs when a young life is lost to suicide is the unfulfilled potential in every suicide for early intervention. More often than not, suicide is only one in a series of cries for help. The only difference is that a suicide attempt is often irreversible.

Familiarity with the warning signs of suicide can help to identify young people who are intent on taking their own life. Such knowledge enables concerned parties to intervene appropriately, possibly preventing a tragic loss of life.

"Every young person is valuable and worth the time and the effort necessary to follow up on disturbing behaviors," exhorts Dr. Smith.

Any BCC student who is experiencing personal crisis or possibly contemplating suicide will be seen without an appointment at the counseling ofice in Wales 200. Crisis counseling is available from 9-5, Monday thru Friday. Evening hours are from 5-8 Monday thru Thursday during the school year.

Counselors are available to give support, information and referral to any student who is experiencing stress as a result of the recent suicides in the Binghamton area. Parents or concerned friends who have observed troubling behavior, threats or suicide attempts in loved ones can contact the counseling center at 778-5210 or call the 24 hour crisis hotline at 762-2302.

"Every young person is valuable and worth the time and the effort necessary to follow up on disturbing behaviors," - Dr. Smith.

APPLICANTS SOUGHT FOR ALL-AMERICAN TEAM SCHOLARSHIPS

Press Release
BCC

Any student with a strong record of public service may be eligible to become a member of the All-American Team.

Every year Phi Theta Kappa, the American Association of Community Colleges and *USA Today* select twenty outstanding students from 2-year colleges around the country. Those students become members of the Academic All-American Team, receiving $2,500 scholarships, becoming special guests at the AACC Annual Convention, and being featured in an issue of *USA Today*.

As a member institution of AACC, Broome Community College is entitled to nominate two students for this honor. Nominees must be currently enrolled at BCC and anticipate graduation during the 1993-94 academic year. They must have completed 12 credit hours in an AA, AS, or AAS degree program and carry a GPA of at least 3.5.

Selection will be based not only on academic excellence; academic honors awards, college and community service, and sharing of academic attainments, knowledge and skills are important factors in choosing candidates.

In addition to filling out an application and form, students will be asked to secure three faculty recommendations, and write a 500-word essay describing their most outstanding educational experience while attending the community college.

Interested students may obtain application forms from Carol Lasicki in the President's Office, W-107. All completed forms and letters (rough drafts) should be submitted to Carol Lasicki by November 5, 1993. The applications will be reviewed by and honors committee, which will select a group of finalists and interview them. From these finalists two students will be chosen to represent BCC.

HURRY! APPLICATIONS DUE BY NOVEMBER 5

The above information was supplied by Ann Sova, Co-advisor of Phi Theta Kappa.

FEATURES

FULCRUM FOOTNOTES

HOLLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

The International Student Organization is sponsoring a Holloween dance on October 30 from 8 to 11 p.m in the BCC cafeteria. Tickets are $2 which includes 2 slices of pizza and a drink. Tickets may be purchased from I.S.O. members or at the door. Costumes are optional.

APPLE PICKERS RECOGNIZED

The following people who took part in the first annual "Picking of the Apples" ceremony may pick up their charter member certificates from Stem Member, Kurt Nelson in the AV Office:

Scott Austin, Sarah Bell, Donna Corwin, Diane Gannon, Carolyn Gilbert and Joviona, Kim Hajduk, Valerie Ostrander, Shauna Pender, Frank Santangelo, Nadia Shevchenko, Dave Sterling, and Susan and Ashley Woughter.

Members wish to extend their thanks to Michelle Perricone for creating the top limb certificates.

ANNUAL TRANSFER DAY

Students planning to transfer to four-year colleges may wish to take advantage of the annual Transfer Day arranged by BCC. This year's program will take place on October 25, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Baldwin Gym.

The program allows students to gather information which enables them to make choices concerning their future plans. Representatives from 61 colleges and universities will be available to answer questions and provide general information about their respective institutions.

Interested students may wish to pick up a *Transfer Guide* from the Counseling Center in wales 200. The guide outlines significant aspects of the transfer process and indicates which schools are participating in this year's program.

AIDS QUILT PATCHES. THESE AND MANY MANY MORE CAN BE SEEN HERE AT BCC STARTING OCTOBER 22 THROUGH OCTOBER 24

FIESTA ITALIANA

Join the International Students Organization for lunch in B-224 on November 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Enjoy homemade lasagna, salad, garlic bread, desert and beverage. Tickets will be on sale for $3 for students and $4 for faculty and staff.

During the 1994 spring Semester, the Writing Across the Curriculum Committee and the Writing Center will co-sponsor BCC's annual Essay Contest to foster evcellence in student writing across the disciplines. The 1994 contest theme will be the same as the present academic theme, "Balancing Unity and Diversity in a Complex Society." Prizes include: first place, $150, second, $125, and third, $75. The contest is funded by Student Affairs. Advanced information is available in the Writing Center for those intrested in beginning their essays now.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Tri Cities Opera Announces The 93-94 Season

Season subscriptions, prices from $ 33-$ 88 with a discount for seniors, students and children. Tickets are available at the Tri Cities Opera center, 315 Clinton St., Binghamton, NY. 13905 or by calling 607-729-3444.

Make A Difference Day '93

The Third Annual Day of Volunteering - Make A Difference Day - is scheduled for October 23. Nationally, over 200,000 people participated last year. The projects include things like cleaning and beautifying streets, which is being planned by Whitney Point Rotary Club. Other groups planning activities include RSVP, Office for the Aging, Chow, Telephone Pioneers of America, ARC, Meals on Wheels and United Way's Voluntary Action Center.

For more information or to volunteer, call Billie Jo Youmans, Director of Community Programs, United Way's Voluntary Action Center, 729-2592.

Concert at Binghamton University

The Harpur Chorale and Women's Chorus, conducted by Bruce Borton, will be featured in a free concert on October 28 at 8:15 in the Anderson Center Chamber Hall. Selections include works by early American composers, arrangements of English folk songs and madrigals of Elizabethan England. The public is invited to attend.

Don't Wish on a Star, buy one!

You can give a special surprise for Holloween this year. For a donation of $25 to Roberson you will receive a "Star Ownership Certificate," a color photograph of the evening sky, and a pair of complimentary tickets to the Link Planetarium. Proceed benefit Roberson's new Kopernik Space Education Center.

For information call 772-0660 or stop by 30 Front Street in Binghamton.

Safe Holloween Activities

The Roberson Museum and Science Center, Giant Markets, WBNG-TV 12 and WAAL-FM, are presenting a special Holloween program on October 29, 30 and 31. Friday's performances are at 6 and 8 p.m. Saturday's performances are at 12 and 2 p.m., and Sunday's show is at 2 p.m.

Events include vignettes by the Binghamton High School Fine Arts, a haunting ballet by the Roberson school of Ballet, a costume party with judging and prizes, eerie music, tricks and treats for every ghost, ghoul and goblin. Goody bags will be distributed to all party goers at the conclusion of the performances.

Admission is $2 for everyone and are available at Roberson's reception desk until the time of the performances. They are also available at Giant Markets now until October 27. Reservations are recommended.

THE QUILT

CLINTON INVITED TO QUILT DISPLAY

by: Robert Fortner
News Editor

Come one come all to the Baldwin Gym this Friday Saturday and Sunday for the displaying of the AIDS Memorial Quilt display. Come out and see the project which won a Nobel Peace Prize in 1991.

The Quilt is being brought to BCC by the Southern Tier Names Project and the BCC Student Government Association. The display will feature 304 three-foot by six-foot panels.

CNN will be here, as will news agencies from all across the country and the world. Hey, Peg Reylea, student trustee even invited Bill Clinton and Mario Cuomo to come on out. So if you're not there you'll likely be the only person in the free world to miss this incredible display.

If you would like to really get in on the action you can volunteer to work on any of the display days or on Thursday, when the Quilt arrives.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to witness what promises to be the grandest event of this school year. Come to Baldwin Gym this weekend. You never know who you might bump into. See ya there!

The Southern Tier NAMES Project Chapter

Display of the

AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT

A COMMUNITY OF COLORS:
EDUCATION FOR LIFE

Sponsored by:

- Broome Community College
- Southern Tier AIDS Program
- Southern Tier Names Project

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Broome Community College
Baldwin Gym

FEATURES

INSIDE THE GOVERNMENT

NEW CONFLICT ON CAMPUS

THE FIRST AMENDMENT

by: Peg Relyea
Student Trustee

Today is pop quiz day! Come on now, no moaning or groaning. I have three easy questions to answer. No pencils, pens, or paper. And it's no fair running to the history teachers for the answers. Find a copy of the Constitution. You have it? Good, read the first amendment. Now, put on your thinking caps. Yes, you may talk to each other. Ready? Let's begin.

Question one, what is the new conflict on campus? Question two, can we live with the first amendment? Question three, what is allowable or not allowable under the law?

Conflict; free speech; first amendment; rights of individuals allowable. Don't give up yet; I said it was easy, or is it?

The First Amendment to the Constitution of The United States of America states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech; or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

The rights of students and faculty to express themselves on campus are extremely convoluted. While the First Amendment guarantees the right of free speech, the Fourteenth Amendment provides for equal protection under the law: Section one states, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

When do one student's rights interfere with another's? When do a professor's rights clash with his student's? How far can one go before the university can legally saw "ENOUGH"?

It is obvious that administrators, faculty, and students are faced with very complex - and volatile decisions about basic human rights in the academic setting and in society at large.

Colleges and universities have become the center of debate on how our society deals with differences of opinion and constitutional guarantees. Where do the rights of one individual end and the next begin?

The answer to these questions and others may be heard at a campus-wide video conference forum to be held on October 21, from 1 - 3 p.m., in the library, room 5. The video conference will tackle the issues of free speech and academic freedom head on. Since the room is very small, the conference will be re-run on Tuesday, Oct. 26, in B-224 from 9:30 a.m. until noon, and again from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Both re-runs will be followed by a discussion led by Dean George Higginbottom. This conference should be a valuable learning experience for all. Your attendance is encouraged.

Now, while you are still wearing your thinking caps, let me throw out a bonus question. I guarantee this one will be easy. Can we live without the First Amendment?

Until next time... Peace

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT TO HELP AMERASIAN STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

By Kathy Thurston
Editor-in-Chief

The World Relief program in Johnson City has received a grant from VISTA to support a project designed to help Vietnamese children and their families adjust to American culture and to become self-sufficient.

One of the projects is the **Teen Afterschool Program** which provides recreational activities, ESL/academic tutoring, and a series of socio-cultural, and personal development workshops for Amerasian adolescents.

These students face a special challenge in that they have been denied an education in Vietnam and are considered to be functionally preliterate. They may also lack support and guidance from home because their families are still in Vietnam or because the upheaval in family structure has made assimilation into American culture difficult. According to a report from World Relief these teens are particularly vulnerable and the agency would like to divert them from possible involvement in "at risk" behavior.

Volunteers who spend time with these youngsters can help them benefit from a positive experience in a supportive environment. Tutors would spend time sharing recreational activities and mentoring while working on learning about issues such as self-esteem, drug and alcohol abuse, coping with anger, racism, and socialization skills.

The **Family ESL Tutoring** is a new program with Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. and BOCES, designed to specifically target the problems that Amerasians face learning English as a Second Language. Vietnamese family structure undergoes a great deal of stress under the pressure of trying to adjust to American culture.

This program matches a volunteer tutor with a participant who has been screened by pre-testing evaluations and referred by a teacher. In addition to one-on-one tutoring, the volunteer also works with the family. As they meet and work together, families receive the encouragement the need to work on their English skills together. The goal of self-sufficiency is better met by improvement of basic English skills.

Thomas Curley, a VISTA worker with World Relief, said commitment on the part of the volunteers is extremely important. They have to be consistent in their participation and they should view mentorship as their goal. He would especially like t have volunteers from Broome Community College for the Family ESL Tutoring as this is a year-round commitment and most of the student s at BCC are local residents. The teen Afterschool Program meets twice a week and is only operational during school sessions.

Curley said both tutor and student learn from the experience in that "...tutoring teaches a different cultural reality." He also said language and culture cannot be separated. Curley said, "I would like to flush out the people at BCC who are interested in an authentic multi-cultural experience."

Never wonder where life came from, you might regret it.

Look into the past and see the future
Look into the future and see the past.

Question authority . . . before it questions you.
- ARTIE TILTS -

GUEST

STUDENT QUESTIONS ADMINISTRATION

by: Artie Tilts
Contributing Writer

This is an open letter to the administrators of this college. As you know, we are facing a budget crunch. We must ask ourselves where the money will come from to run the college. The obvious choice is the students, but where will they get the money? From TAP and Pell grans if they can. From their own pockets if they can't. If they can't do either, they won't go. Thus, fewer students means less money coming in.

In order to stop this we must keep the tuition down and we must ask ourselves how we can do that. We must take a hard look (at the budget), try to cut the fat at the source and get rid of pork-barrel programs that we don't need.

Do we need a new 10 million dollar building? I say no. We can fit all the students in the existing clasrooms. We do it now. Why not in the future?

Do we need to pay teachers for the Day Care Center when we have qualified Early Childhood Development students who would like the opportunity to teach? If they aren't enough, there are parents who might like to help for an hour or so.

Do we need to pay BOCES for use of their kitchen facilities for the Hotel Management students when we have a kitchen on campus they can use after it closes at three?

We now pay $25 for parking stickers. Will we pay $100 for it in the future? Will teachers take a pay cut? Will we, the students, suffer in the long run? I sincerely hope not. I also hope that the quality of the school does not suffer.

TRIPLE CITIES SKI CLUB

SKI SWAP

OCTOBER 23, 1993

at JOHNSON CITY AMERICAN LEGION

OCTOBER 23rd - ONE DAY ONLY!
SATURDAY 9 AM - 5 PM

SKIS • BOOTS • BINDINGS • POLES • CLOTHING
ALPINE • CROSS COUNTRY
ALSO OTHER SPORTING, BOATING, SAILING & CAMPING EQUIPMENT

Bring equipment to sell to the JOHNSON CITY AMERICAN LEGION (Main Street, J.C. - Next to NYPEN Trade Center). The Legion will open at 9 a.m. Saturday, October 23rd. Bring equipment early.

Doors open at 9 a.m. Saturday for equipment registration and sales.

Set your own selling price ($2.00 minimum per item). All sales final.

The Triple Cities Ski Club will retain 20% of the selling price.

The Triple Cities Ski Club will charge a .50¢ registration fee for each item to be sold. The minimum asking price per item will be $2.00.

Equipment not sold must be picked up between the hours of 4 - 5 p.m. Saturday, October 23rd. Any equipment left after 5 p.m. will be considered a donation to the club.

All monies will be returned by check within four weeks of sale to address given on the registration form.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

GUESTS

THROWING SOME LIGHT ON THE CAFETERIA

The following report was submitted by the ESL 114-01 class.

Our English as a Second Language (ESL 114) class went to the cafeteria on Friday, September 20th, to interview BCC students. We interviewed 49 people about the food and the environment in the cafeteria. The four questions we asked were: 1. Do you like to eat in the cafeteria? 2. How many times a week do you come to the cafeteria? 3. How would you rate the food here? 4. Do you think the cafeteria food is expensive? The following are the results we came up with.

Seventy-four and a half percent of the people interviewed said they liked to eat in the cafeteria because they thought the cafeteria was a convenient place to talk, read, gossip, have fun, watch people and do homework. One student said, "I don't have a lot of time and I don't want to leave the campus. It's a good place to make an appointment." Another student said that the cafeteria is a good place to watch people.

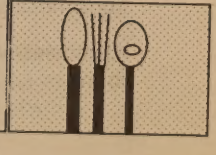
Only 25.5 percent of the people said that the cafeteria was not a good place to eat or to relax. "The cafeteria is noisy and crowded," one student said. Some said it was difficult to concentrate in the noise of the cafeteria. Others said that the cafeteria was not a good place to do homework or to relax or even to find a table.

Fifty-six pecent of the students interviewed attend the cafeteria four to five times a week because they like to spend time there. They can eat, talk with friends, read newspapers, relax, meet somebody and perhaps, fall in love. The rest of the students attend the cafeteria less frequently for various reasons.

Of all the students interviewed about the quality of the food, 8.2 percent of them rated the food as excellent. 57.2 percent of the people rated the food as good. 30.6 percent rated the food as fair and 4 percent of the people rated the food as poor. As we see, more than half of the interviewed students rated the food as good. This means the cafeteria definitely won't go bankrupt in the next year.

Finally, 57 percent of the students thought the food in the cafeteria was expensive, while 43 percent of students surveyed thought it was reasonable. One student said, "The food is very expensive, especially breakfast."

In conclusion, whether or not you like the cafeteria, it is still a convenient place to grab a bite to eat and to relax.



1994 BROOME GRADUATES

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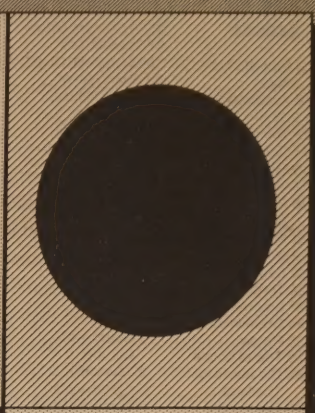
LITERARY

Listen
by Artie Tilts

When is the last time,
you heard the sounds of
silence?
when is the last time,
you heard the sounds of the
woods?
listen to the sounds of night,
to hear what's in the heart of
men
people, people everywhere,
but not a spot to spare.



Insignificance
by Artie Tilts

Thousands among thousands.
I'm only one,
among infinite space,
I'm only a speck.
We are all the same,
yet all different,
blue, yellow, red,
we all give life,
with our deaths.

Day Visions
by Artie Tilts

Like soldiers marching afield
they come
with dragons shapes and turtles
heads
they come
with rainbow color hues
they come
reds and violets
greens and blues
disappearing and reappearing
always with a whim.
Always seeing and never hearing
upon a canvas of blue.
Silver needle piercing through
like popcorn on a string
they come
like cobwebs hanging high
they come
never to be clean
only by God's high hand
they come
monstrous mountains growing
high
dark and scarey
anger and fury
shadows on the ground
flash of light
so very bright
a sound to shake the earth
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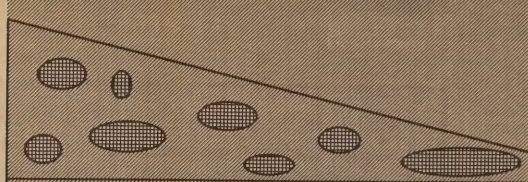
no one knows.



FROM THE DIARY OF PAUL CUTTER

One of the most interesting books I've read, and one with which I've had a lifelong acquaintance is a fat, crumbling volume called History of the Town of Hopkinton (1901).

As a young child I'd browse the black and white plates of the early settlers - scary looking men and women with stern expressions and fantastic beards. Later, when I'd acquired more patience, I was drawn to the diary excerpts, - a sketch of the life of a man who had lived over 100 years away, yet not 5 miles from me.

This past summer I decided to compare one of the pictures, Mound Hill Cemetery, to the actual site at the end of our street, and see how things were getting along. Although human styles had changed, here was proof before me that maple trees, at least, had not evolved significantly over the past 100 years.

The ones in the picture, however, were absent from the actual cemetery I was approaching, and cottonwoods had sprung up in their place. The only trees which were enduring enough to exist in both picture and life were a clump of three cedars, arbor vitae, (trees of life), my favorite. Relying on them and on the less permanent gravestones to guide me, I locked in on the place where the photographer must have stood so many years ago.

It was the oddest feeling - the juxtaposition of something at once so near and so remote. Talk about having history, "come to life."

MR. ADAMS AND ME
by: Joseph Santangelo

Last week I took a stroll with the spirit of Henry Adams. I asked Mr. Adams about his impressions going into the 21st century. mr. Adams said that the nineteenth century did not understand or appreciate his impressions then, so why should his impressions mean anything now. I implored Mr. Adams to confide in me his most trusted impressions about the mean now of the present. Mr. adams replied that he belonged to a traditon that inquired about the meaning and not merely the function of things. "I do also sir," I replied, without a moment of hesitation. Mr. Adams smiled and continued telling me of his impressions of the big 21-gun salaute century.

"It seems to me," he said, "that there is presently a disparagement or ignorance of human values. And because of this ignorance and carelessness of the important of human values, a few clever men (either from greed, profit motives, or simple ambition clouded by the general ignorance of values) will exploit human values and, without meaning to, will create injustice and poverty."

"But sir," I replied,"this has and is happening now." "Then by means of no means Adams replied, "If the acceleration, measured by the developments and economy of forces, are to continue at its rate since 1800, the mathematician of the 21st century should be able to plot the past and the future of the human race. By no means does this mean that this will happen if disregard for human values still exists."

And in a POOF! Mr. Adams left a trail of multi-colored vapour behind for my nostrils to inhale.

FUNSTUFF

ZOO U. by Mark Weitzman

"We need to mess-up this place before everyone gets here."

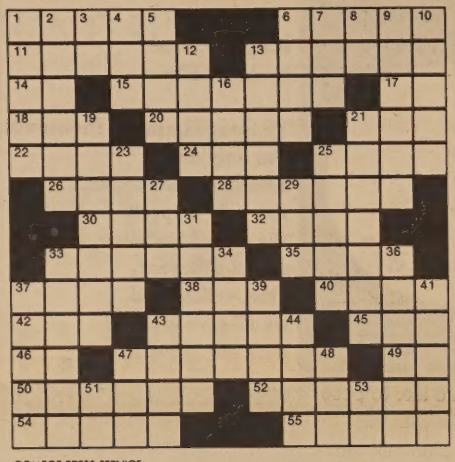
The Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1 Part of chair back
6 Assumed name
11 Costs
13 The armpit
14 Cooled lava
15 Entwined
17 Indian mulberry
18 Possessive pronoun
20 Men
21 In favor of
22 Seines
24 Through
25 Emerald isle
26 Drunkards
28 Pagan
30 Top of house
32 Old name for Thailand
33 Haphazard
35 Prominent actor
37 Theater box
38 Uncooked
40 Short jacket
42 White House nickname
43 Eskimo boat
45 Greek letter
46 River in Italy
47 Endurance
49 Forenoon
50 Thoroughfare
52 Having limits
54 Anglo-Saxon slaves
55 Fork prongs

DOWN

1 Country of Europe
2 Talks idly
3 Chinese distance measure
4 Perform
5 Athletic group
6 Cutting tools
7 Cover
8 Negative prefix
9 Visigoth king
10 Drawing room
12 Break suddenly
13 Puts on one's guard
16 Merriment
19 Safekeeping of goods
21 One first in rank
23 Rock
25 Related on mother's side
27 Turf
29 Towel inscription
31 General make-up of publication
33 Mechanical men
34 Cripple
36 Spin
37 Fall into disuse
39 Homeless child
41 Titles
43 Southwestern Indians
44 Intertwine
47 Bishopric
48 Southern blackbird
51 Registered nurse: abbr.
53 Measurement: abbr.



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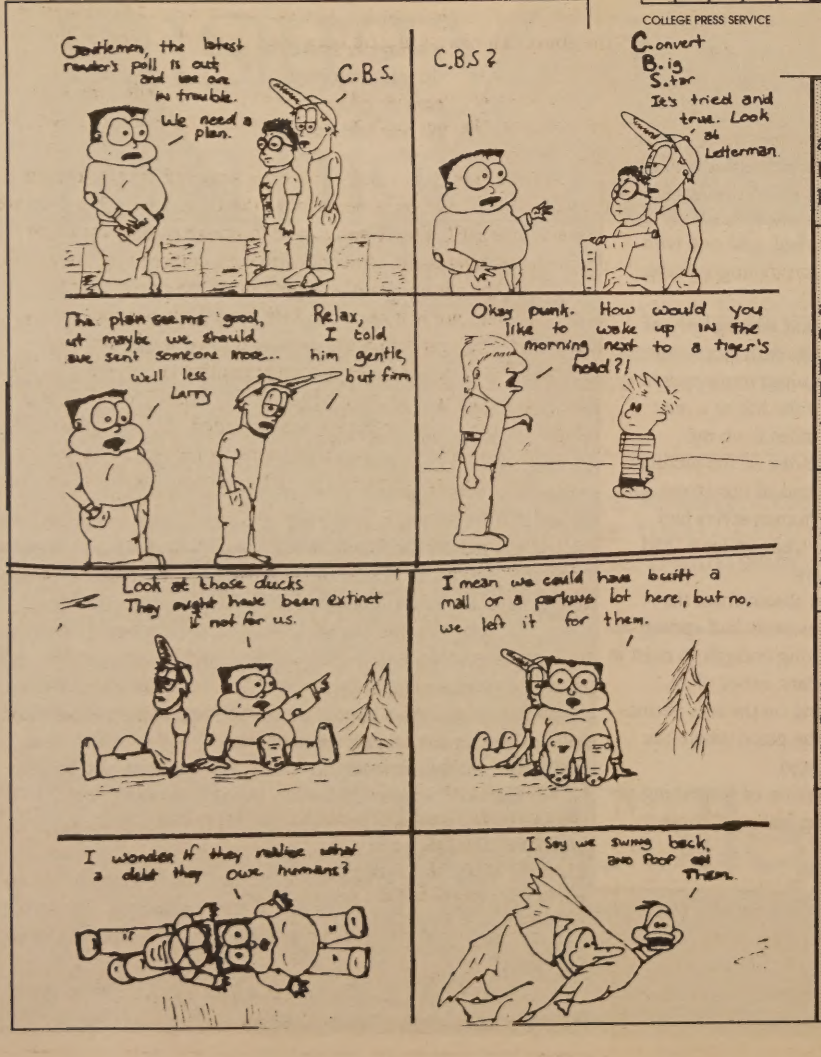
Small Change

by: John M. Rouente


Gentlemen, the latest reader's poll is out and we are in trouble.
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We need a plan.
C.B.S?
C.onvert B.ig S.tar
It's tried and true. Look at Letterman.
The plan seems good, ut maybe we should ave sent someone more... well less Larry
Relax, I told him gentle, but firm
Okay punk. How would you like to wake up in the morning next to a tiger's head?!
Look at those ducks They might have been extinct if not for us.
I mean we could have built a mall or a parkway lot here, but no, we left it for them.
I wonder if they realize what a debt they owe humans?
I say we swing back, and Poof em Them.

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EDITORIALS

Accessability Improving at BCC

Elizabethtown College, near Hershey, Pennsylvania, a very old *Church of the Brethren* or Mennonite School, established in the eighteen hundreds, is one of the most beautiful campuses I have ever visited. Hartwick in Oneonta, New York is a lovely little campus with rolling hills and architecturally aesthetic buildings. Both campuses have one thing in common; they are virtually inaccessible to handicapped students.

Broome Community College may not have the beauty and the history that these schools have, but it does, for the most part, have accessibility. And what it lacks in accessibility, it is are constantly striving to overcome.

For example, when I came to this campus in the spring of 1992, there was no automatic door into the Student Activities building. I interviewed several students in wheelchairs and learned about some of the other problems then existing. Soon after my article lamenting the shortfalls appeared in *The Fulcrum,* some of them were corrected, including the lack of an automatic door in the SA building.

A new phone system was installed last year, but it was soon scraped. One of the glitches was that the TDD could not be used with the new system. Though I'm not sure we can take credit for the change, that fact was also published in *The Fulcrum*

The power of print can have a lot of impact. One of the things that Bruce Pomeroy, Director of the Student Support Services told me was he couldn't do anything about the problems if he didn't know about them. However, some students are timid and reluctant to confront anyone about the problems. That's where the power of print can help. A simple letter to the editor, a guest editorial or an article dealing with the shortfalls can have a lot of impact. I encourage anyone who is serious about getting changes made to please write to us and let us know.

In the meantime, please keep in mind that BCC is a relatively old campus too. It was built in the nineteen-forties, a time when no one gave serious thought to the fact that everyone is entitled to a quality education. However, we can see a lot of positive changes around here and many more are planned.

Tichener is being renovated to enable an elevator to be installed. The Campus Services building is a temporary solution to the space problem created by the renovations When Tichener is reopened, CS will not be used by students. The fact that it is inconvenient and difficult for handicapped students to use will be moot.

And finally, all new buildings will be designed to accommodate and provide special services for all students. As more and more barriers are lifted the slogan, *"BCC, a good place to start,"* will be true for every student.

I Have Questions : Answer me Please ?!

by: Robert Fortner - News Editor

There are some questions, which may not have answers, that I, nevertheless, would like to pose.

BCC is a love with me. Like many others, this college saved me from a life with a limited future. Now, thanks to BCC, I see a future I could never have imagined before. With this kind of influence on people's lives the county and the administration of this college need to do all within their power to keep the high standards BCC has always held.

I ask the following questions of you, the student, in the hope that you will pass these along to county and college administrators.

BCC is one of the better community colleges in America, so my first question is this; why is the County of Broome treating us as an illegitimate child?

Broome County is extorting the population of the county for an increase in sales tax, with threats of cuts in services badly needed in the area. County officials are threatening to cut aid to BCC because the managers of county government are inefficient at their jobs and have let the finances of Broome fall into ruin. These county managers want us to believe it is simply the times which have created the crisis at hand. If this is the case why was this crisis predicted at the beginning of the Grippen administration, some six years ago? What will happen to this institution because of the poor job done by this man and his associates?

This is a legitimate concern. These pompous legislators are willing to cut such services as 911 and public libraries. This shows they feel nothing for their constituents! The executioner's ax will, sooner or later, fall on the neck of this college. Such a move would create a situation where, in the words of Dr. Dellow, president of BCC, hurt the community, causing the county to finally recognize the importance of this institution. But, as Dr. Dellow said at the BCC board of Trustee Meeting on September 6, then it will be too late.

You are the future of Broome County. Hey, wake up, you control that future from the now! We cannot afford to sit by and watch this county self-destruct. Call, write, go see your legislators. Tell them you know the whole thing is a scam to cover their incompetence. Tell them you own the future and you don't appreciate their destroying your time with miss-management during their time.

While you're at it, address the administration of this college. Ask them why there is a general consensus on this campus that there are two distinctly different BCC families, and that the two seldom meet unless it is in conflict?

Allow me to elaborate. Many students, and some of the faculty, have expressed to me that they feel like this college is a big family. Almost without exception, these conversations will include mention of those people in the Wales building as though they are a separate faction, almost an enemy. Is this attitude really necessary? As educated people they, the administrators, should be able to see the abyss that has sprung up between them and the rest of the campus.

They are missing out! This campus is overflowing with camaraderie. I see no reason why they can't be embraced by the BCC family.

Don't get me wrong. There are some administrators on campus who are not only members of the BCC family, but who are intimate with BCC life. I don't have to create trouble for these people by naming them. Anyone with eyes can see who they are.

Tell the administrators to get out of the confines of the Wales building, not just on some *Talk Back Day*, but on a sunny afternoon. They can sit on the grass and have small talk with students. I may not be an expert on human behavior, but I'm willing to bet it would improve strained relations. Things like *Talk Back Day* just prove the anxieties are well founded. If they were really part of the campus, these confrontations would not be necessary. !

So these are my questions. Does anyone have answers to them? If someone does, would you please give me these answers. It's not such a tough request.

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SPORTS

HORNET HOCKEY PREVIEW

by: Steve Peter
Sports Writer

As BCC hockey enters the 1993 - season, the most important goal is academics.

In a pre-season interview, October 7, Coach Joseph Drotar said the most important thing he has achieved at Broome has been the graduation and transfer of his players. He said three graduates moved on to division one schools last year.

"It's great to win hockey games, but it's also great to see a player move on to where he wanted to go," Drotar said.

About the team, Drotar said that they are a little deeper this year. The team should have six returning players, who Drotar hopes will guide the younger players. He said it takes time to get used to the system and start mixing in with the other players.

Drotar's goal for the team is to make it to the regional play, something which has not been accomplished for two years. "It's about time we got back there," Drotar said.

Drotar said that last year was basically a rebuilding year, and that this year's team has a little more talent. He said he would like to have a little more goal tender depth, but early on the rest of the team looks very deep and solid.

"Experience will strengthen every position this year. We are now better than last year, there's more talent this year," Drotar said.

Drotar expressed how difficult it is to "recycle" in new players every year, due to graduation and transfer, but, he stated it doesn't hurt BCC any more than any other two year school.

Twenty-nine players are trying out for the team this year, and Drotar will have a finalized roster by the end of the month.

Drotar says the whole schedule is tough this year. "There are no easy teams in our league. All the teams play well." He added that the University of Rochester has joined the league, as a new addition, and is on the schedule.

The Hornets play at The Polar Cap Ice Rink, and Drotar encourages hockey fans new and old to attend.

"People who come to our games tend to enjoy them. They usually love them. It's a lot better, for the team, to play in front of a packed house," Drotar said.

Drotar has been coaching at BCC since 1987. He has nothing but praise for his staff: Kevin Moore, Don Niemi, Ellen Larkin, and Roger Clukies, who help him keep a watchful eye over practices and games.

The season is young, stresses Drotar, and lines, strategies, and strengths, are just beginning to be formed. He says he has no mind set, going into the season, but has praise for the school, players and fans, and hopes for continued support for the team.

Janice Trelowitcz is caught in mid-spike at a lady hornets practice. You can see the DESIRE acronym in the background; words to live by for any athletic club. Catch Janice and the rest of the BCC Women's Volleyball team in action Sat. 10/23 in a double header vs. Genesee CC and Alfred, game time 1:00 p.m. And again on Wed. 10/27 vs. Cazenovia at 6:00 p.m. All home games are played in the West Gym.

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